

Policy Partners Application 2018-19 Session

Policy Partners is Community Crossroads' exclusive advocacy training program. Have you ever wanted to participate in the legislative process and help sway opinions and votes on bills that will affect you and your family? Have you ever wanted to tell your Representatives how pending legislation will affect your family for better or worse and elicit their support? Is the New Hampshire legislative process a mystery to you? Then Policy Partners is your type of training. Using a combination of several targeted trainings and one-on-one mentoring from a trained advocate, you can gain the skills needed to successfully participate in the legislative process and help craft a better future for people with disabilities.

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

What is the best way to contact you? _____

What participants can expect to learn:

- How the legislative process works in New Hampshire, including the budget process, state elections, how a bill becomes a law.
- How to review and choose which Bills to work on.
- How to conduct 1 to 1 interviews with legislators and candidates and how to build lasting relationships and alliances with them.
- How to provide public testimony, both written and oral.
- Where legislative hearings take place and how to participate in them.
- How to respond to Calls-to-Action.
- How to successfully advocate for the full and equal rights of citizens who have disabilities in New Hampshire.
- Communication and framing strategies.

What the Policy Partners Program expects from you:

- Attend and be prepared for all scheduled training sessions and meetings.
- Initiate and maintain monthly contact/interaction with your Mentor.
- Follow the Guide Scope & Sequence and complete the required guide section activities in the time allotted.
- Attend legislative hearings and/or stakeholder sessions and provide written and/or oral testimony.
- Write an LTE (Letter to the Editor) to your local paper or a statewide paper.
- Conduct 1 to 1 interview sessions with your fellow mentees (for practice) and with your elected officials(s) and/or candidate(s) (after training).

Application Questions:

1. Policy Partners is an opportunity to learn skills that will serve you and your family for a lifetime, giving you the tools needed to be an active participant in public policy, but the time commitment and focus required is significant. What is motivating you to apply at this time?
2. What life stage are you or your family member in at this time (pre-school, the school years, transitioning into adult, fully adult years)?
3. What skills in the area of advocacy do you believe you already have? What do you hope to learn?
4. Have you ever done or participated in any of the following (please briefly explain)?
 - a. Written a Letter to the Editor about an issue important to you?
 - b. Attended a legislative hearing; submitted testimony to a hearing?
 - c. Called, emailed, written or met with one of your representatives?
 - d. Attended a rally, protest or other type of action?
5. Up to this point, have there been barriers to your participation in the legislative process? What is different now?
6. Tell us some of your strengths as well as what you hope to achieve through this program. How will you define success?
7. Tell us something interesting about yourself or anything else you think we should know about you.

Special Accommodations:

In order to fully participate in Policy Partners, please indicate if you would need any of the following:

- Transportation
- An allowance for gasoline
- Additional respite funds so I can attend sessions
- Other

2018-19 Policy Partners Training Sessions/Meetings:

Month	Training Session/Meeting Purpose	Date	Duration
October-June	Mentor Meetings/Contact	You determine	30-60 minutes 2 to 3 times per month
September	*Orientation Kick-off Event (Meet your mentor/ee) Community Crossroads Training Room	TBD	3 hours
October	Community Partnership Event (Meet the candidates) Atkinson Country Club Atkinson, NH	Thursday, Oct 11, 2018 6-9PM	3 hours
November	*Training Session 1 Relationship Building Community Crossroads Training Room	TBD 6-9PM	3 hours
January	*Training Session 2 Relationship Building Community Crossroads Training Room	TBD 6-9PM	3 hours
February	* Training Session 3 Communication & Framing Community Crossroads Training Room	TBD 6-9PM	3 hours
March	* Training Session 4 Communication & Framing Community Crossroads Training Room	TBD 6-9PM	3 hours
June	*Policy Partners Graduation & Final Evaluation Community Crossroads Training Room	TBD 6-8PM	2 hours

*Event/Sessions take place at Community Crossroads, which is located at 8 Commerce Drive #801 in Atkinson, NH.

Please return your completed application by Monday, August 20, 2018 to:

Community Crossroads
8 Commerce Drive #801
Atkinson, NH 03811
Attention: Jennifer Bertrand

OR email application to jbertrand@communitycrossroadsnh.org
For questions and additional information call Jennifer Bertrand at (603) 893-1299, x358.